12/31/75

Dear Jim,

This newest foul-mouthing by Bud, particularly because it is a deliberate lie and because it becomes the second assault on the possibilities of success for Post Mortem, is too much. It means this situation has to end. How it ends he'll decide unless I have to face it on a radio program or an appearance. From now on I'm imposing no restraint on myself that isn't necessary. I'll not raise the subject but I'll no longer ignore it.

As you know, because of him I've been wanting to get out of the Ray case since 1971 and because of him I have felt I cannot. I'd prefer nothing to do with him and I've been staying away except when he wanted to see me.

I had a notion this kind of thing was in the works, with Lane doing his own thing his own way. This makes them wreckers to me. Remember my note on Lemming?

If you find and read my 8/11/75 memo on the second conversation with Shales you'll have an idea of the caution I gave him. I have it on tape.

There was a time when a woman at Oui! phoned me about something, I think another article, perhaps Model's. When I asked about the Shales piece she said their lawyers were having trouble with it.

I've since learned that they even edited the Model piece to make it libel me. He is outraged at the cutting, I think he said of 2/3, and of his fee by $500. That this was done by editors at Oui! for whatever purposes is clear from both the context and Model's dedication of the book to Sylvia and me. I think I worked out the problem he and Robert had when Robert spoke to me last night. Robert then said the dedication is mostly to me. And the author at the same time calls me a crook?

I have no doubt he would be a witness for us if there is a case. He, too, is hurt by what they've done.

When he called me back I told him to get his tape recorder and tape our conversation. He said he couldn't. So he agreed to my taping it and I told him if he wants a dub all he has to do is ask for it.

Lane's is a different ploy. He is trying to get his directors to sue me. I'll have to write him and make a record on this. I hate to take the time but I think it is now necessary. I'll try to get it done and awaiting your coming if you are coming soon.

He will not dare sue me himself and I'm going to give him every reason, temptation and every other cause I can think of, asking him to give each of his board a copy. Robert is the one who told me of this and his response.

This is the other side of the possibilities I'll have to try to exploit if the course in Congress continues as it is now. It will then serve a constructive purpose. I'll give his board enough to think about.

Too bad these things have to happen. But I don't start them.

best,